(a) whether it is a fact that private airlines have failed to pay dues to Airports Authority of India (AAI) for using airport facilities;

(b) if so, what is the amount due from these airlines as on 31st October, 2009, airline-wise;

(c) whether Government would take harsh steps including refusal to provide credit to these airlines; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Most private domestic airlines pay their dues for services availed to Airports Authority of India (AAI) on time.

(b) The outstanding dues payable by major private domestic airlines as on 31st October, 2009 are as under:-

Go Air — 908.67 lakhs, Interglobe Aviation Ltd. (Indigo)- 872.78 lakhs, Jet Airways-4986.62 lakhs, Jetlite (India) Ltd. - 1466.60 lakhs, Kingfisher Airlines - 16792.19 lakhs, Paramount Airways - 853.96 lakhs and Spicejet Ltd. - 1542.42 lakhs.

(c) and (d) In the case of defaulting airlines, AAI takes action to realize their dues by charging interest on defaults, by encashing bank guarantees, reducing credit facilities etc.

Proposal for infusion of equity in NACIL

2777. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal for infusion of additional equity in the National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has examined the said proposal and finalized its views thereon;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons for delay in finalization of said proposal by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (e) The proposals for additional equity induction into Air India are under examination of the Government.

Flights from Rajkot Airport

2778. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many scheduled flights are operated from Rajkot airport at present;

(b) what is the future planning to increase number of flights and air connectivity from Rajkot Airport; and